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SUBJ: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT
OVERSEAS POSTS

REFS: A. STATE 210312; B. STATE 211364; C. LISBON 6101;
D. LISBON 6049

1. EMBASSY HAS IMPLEMENTED MEASURES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN
SUBJECT AREAS;

A. INSTALLATION OF TG-GUARD TEAR GAS SYSTEM, COMPLETED
OCTOBER 7, 1975, WHICH PROVIDES CAPABILITY OF ELECTRONICALLY
ACTIVATING SELECTIVELY-PLACED TEAR GAS CANISTERS FOR EMERGENCY
SATURATION OF CHANCERY MAIN LOBBY, GARAGE AREA AND PASSAGEWAY
LEADING FROM CONSULAR PUBLIC ENTRANCE TO NON-IMMIGRANT VISA
SECTION.

B. INSTALLATION OF PANIC ALARM, LINKING CONSULAR SECTION WITH
MSG DESK.

C. CREATION OF MSG POST AT CONSULAR ENTRANCE DURING ITS
HOURS OF OPERATION. THIS PROVIDES GREATER PHYSICAL
AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERRENT AND IS IN ADDITION TO LOCAL
GUARD STATIONED AT THIS ENTRANCE.

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2. PER REFTTEL C, EMBASSY REQUESTED DISPATCH OF SEABEE TEAM TO

PERFORM ADDITIONAL, URGENT PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ARMORED MSG RECEPTION DESK, REMOTELY-OPERATED EMERGENCY CLOSE DOORS - IN BOTH CHANCERY LOBBY AND CONSULAR PASSAGEWAY - AND INCREASED VISUAL COVERAGE OF LOBBY AND CONSULAR AREAS BY PLANNED USE OF TWO ADDITIONAL CCTV SYSTEMS, MONITORED AT MSG DESK.

3. EMBASSY HAS TENTATIVE PLANS TO RELOCATE CONSULAR SECTION TO YET-UNDETERMINED NEARBY BUILDING. RSO IS INCLUDED IN INITIAL PLANNING AND SEARCH FOR APPROPRIATE SITES. FINAL SELECTION AND PHYSICAL SECURITY FEATURES INCORPORATED WILL BE COMMENSURATE WITH GUIDANCE IN REFTEL A.

4. DURING OCT 8-10, RSO VISITED CONSULATE OPORTO FOR DUAL PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING COMMUNICATIONS SITE SURVEY (REFTEL D) AND TO ASSESS GENERAL SECURITY CONDITIONS INCLUDING PHYSICAL CAPABILITY OF CONSULATE TO WITHSTAND ACTION BY EITHER MOB OR TERRORISTS. PRIME SECURITY DEFICIENCY IS ITS INNATE PHYSICAL CONFIGURATION OF A CUL-DE-SAC, HAVING ONLY ONE COMBINED ENTRANCE AND EXIT, AGGRAVATED BY THIS ENTRANCE/EXIT IMMEDIATELY OPENING UPON A PUBLIC ELEVATOR AND STAIRWELL AREA. RSO RECOMMENDS AS IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL ACTION THE PLACING OF A GUARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CONSULATE. THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH CONSUL DURING VISIT, AND CONSUL IS PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO SECURE OFFICIAL POLICE GUARD. IF THIS EFFORT PROVES UNFEASIBLE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A LOCAL GUARD BE HIRED FOR THIS POSITION. STATUS OF THIS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

5. ENTRANCE OF OPORTO CONSULATE CONSISTS OF GLASS DOORS WHICH COULD BE EASILY FORCED DURING OFF-DUTY HOURS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, OFFER NO PROTECTION WHATSOEVER IN EVENT OF VIOLENCE ENGENDERED BY A DEMONSTRATION. PARA 1B, REFTEL D, SPECIFIES REQUIREMENT OF EMPLACING STEEL SHUTTERS OF EITHER BOSTWICK GATE OR ROLL-DOWN CONSTRUCTION. THIS ONE MEASURE WILL GREATLY ALLEVIATE THE DEFICIENT DOORWAY, IN ADDITION TO ITS PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INCREASED SECURITY PRIOR TO UPGRADING OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY TO HW-28 OPERATION.

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